

Election/Restriction:

In the Office Action, the Examiner reasoned that a restriction to one of the following inventions was required under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- I. Claims 1-13, drawn to a process of smoothing a porous surface, classified in class 264, subclass 45.1.
- II. Claims 14-18, drawn to a product with pores, classified in class 428, subclass 304.4.
- III. Claims 19-21, drawn to process of smoothing a surface, classified in class 156, subclass 307.1.
- IV. Claims 22-26 are drawn to a product with a coating that can be textured, classified in class 428, subclass 172.

In particular, the Examiner reasoned that the present application contained two sets of product and processing. Groups I and II were reasoned to be drawn to smoothed porous materials while Groups III and IV were reasoned to be drawn to smoothed surfaces. Accordingly, the Examiner reasoned that the two sets of groups were separate and distinct due to one containing the pores and the other not containing the pores.

In response, Applicant elects claims 1-18 of the first set of groups (Groups I and II) without traverse.

Please note for the record that the attorney docket number has been changed from 21046.P007 to 109892-130264.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge shortages or credit overpayments to Deposit Account No. 500393. A Fee Transmittal is enclosed in duplicate for fee processing purposes.

Respectfully submitted,  
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